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(S) Ambassador delivered reftel demarche to MFA Undersecretary Feridun Sinirlioglu on the afternoon of September 17, as instructed. The Ambassador made clear that Turkey's views, as relayed during July 2009 consultations, had been taken into account in taking this decision. Sinirlioglu took this on board and looked forward to closer consultations at NATO as to what role Turkey might be asked to play. DCM made the demarche -- at the same time -- to MFA Deputy Director General Gulhan Ulutekin, who said that this announcement would be followed with great interest at the highest levels in Turkey.

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